

# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



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### *Birding Field Trip:* **Harbingers of Spring**

The next birding field trip of the 2012 season at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge will take place on **Sunday, March 25, 2012**, with a close look at **“Harbingers of Spring.”** If you have cabin fever, this is a great time to get out in the field. All resident birds that overwintered will be singing, and many early spring arrivals, like Osprey, Laughing Gull and Brown Thrasher will be back. We will also search for late waterfowl and early shorebirds. Meet at the Refuge Headquarters at 8:00AM. We will bird until approximately 11:00AM.

Join volunteer naturalists Bill Fintel, Sally Fintel, and Ed Sigda for this exciting March field trip! Bring binoculars, and if you have them, a field guide and spotting scope (the leaders will all have spotting scopes as well). Wear appropriate clothing for the weather, and footwear to walk up to a mile outdoors. In case of light rain, a trip will still go, so a water repellent jacket is recommended. In case of heavy rain, the trip will be cancelled. Participants should meet at the parking lot at the Refuge Headquarters office at **8:00 AM**. The field trips are free and open to the public. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information or check out our website at <http://primehook.fws.gov> for a complete schedule of birding trips.

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